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Chad Ingram Staff

Minden Hills voted last week to do a trial banning left turns from Water Street to Bobcaygeon Road in downtown Minden. The regulation is expected to come into effect in spring.

Trial run to address problematic intersection at Bobcaygeon Road

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Left turns from Water Street onto Bobcaygeon Road will be prohibited in a trial by the Township of Minden Hills.

At their Jan. 30 meeting, councillors decided they would ban left-hand turns at the problematic intersection.

There have been ongoing conversations about solving some of downtown Minden's traffic woes as part of the township's village development master plan.

"At the possibility of kicking a dead horse,

I think this needs a bit more discussion," Councillor Ken Redpath said on Jan. 30.

Redpath was concerned that prohibiting left turns would cause parking problems since cars wouldn't be able to easily access the parking spots on the south side of Bobcaygeon Road.

"It would mean having to cross the bridge, make a U-turn and comeback," he said. It's the low visibility caused by the bridge that makes the intersection difficult to negotiate.

Redpath suggested that instead of left turns, right turns be banned.

Road superintendent Kevin Hill thought either a no-left or no-right-turn bylaw would help ease congestion at the intersection.

"The only thing I'm thinking about is the buses if they're picking up kids on Water Street," Hill said.

That would require a right turn at the

intersection to get students to Archie Stouffer Elementary School, however, Hill said a detour could be taken via Milne Street.

Councillor Lisa Schell was worried about ambulances getting quickly to the hospital off Deep Bay Road, with a right turn onto Bobcaygeon Road being the most direct route.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch thought that eliminating either turn would cause complications. However, the majority of council favoured the ban of left turns.

"It may not be the perfect solution, but I think we need to get some experience with it," said Reeve Barb Reid, indicating the regulation would likely come into effect in May. "By August, we'll know if it's helping or hindering."

Crosswalks spanning Bobcaygeon and Water streets will eliminate a couple of parking spaces near the intersection.

Minden Hills partners on bluegrass festival

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills will sponsor the 2014 Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, with councillors waiving rental fees and approving the use of equipment and staff labour worth \$4,880 at their Jan. 30 meeting.

This July will mark the fourth annual Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival, organized and hosted by the Minden Rotary Club.

In October, Rotarian Dennis Casey came requesting use of the fairground for 10 days, use of tables, chairs and stages, municipal hydro and water, other municipal equipment, as well as activities such as removing bleachers.

"We are partnering with the event, and not the organization that might run the event," interim community services director Darren Levstek told councillors.

The township is in the process of making its special events framework more effective. The framework was approved at a September meeting when the former events policy, Policy 40, was rescinded.

"We would become a sponsor of the event," Levstek said, explaining this requires two criteria from the organizing group.

One is that the township logo has to be used and that Minden Hills is recognized as a key sponsor.

The second is that a senior staff person sits on the event's organizing committee.

Councillor Jean Neville took some issue with this second requirement, pointing to the Haliburton County Fair as an example.

"It has gone on since before my birth," Neville said. "Why does it need a staff member?"

The framework divides events into three categories - A, B and C - and lays out requirements, such as insurance.

Category A includes township-managed and funded events, such as Canada Day and

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the Santa Claus Parade.

Category B includes township-sponsored events, where organizers submit a proposal for funding to council, such as the Minden 150.

Category C includes events hosted by community organizations who approach the township for booking space or closing roads.

Levstek said it is possible for events to be moved from one category to another.

"The idea is that all this comes to council's attention," Levstek said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch worried

that the framework might seem too cumbersome.

"I think we need to get it out there that we are not making it difficult for these groups," Murdoch said.

"I would hate to see Minden Hills lose any of these events because the people coming forward think it is going to be too difficult to do so."

Levstek said this was not the case.

"It's the idea of clear communication," he said, "I don't think we're leaving anybody out. I would be disappointed if we were leaving people out."

Neville thought the township needed to have conversations with the community's various organizations about where they

fit in the framework and do a better job of communicating expectations.

She referred to a recent dinner by the Minden Agricultural Society at the community centre.

"They had no idea they had to pay hundreds of dollars to rent that building," she said. "They weren't informed ahead of time that anything had changed."

Reeve Barb Reid thought there needed to be a conversation about who gets fees waived and who doesn't.

"If we waive the fees for everybody, we are going to have no revenue," Reid said, adding she'd like staff to collect information from organizations about their expectations.

"Is there anybody who actually pays for the rental of our facilities?" the reeve asked. "I think it's an important question."

"The old way of doing it was simply to provide the same grants to the same organizations, year after year, and some of those organizations aren't holding those events anymore," chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking said.

The township's Policy 13 deals with grant applications and Wright-Laking said organization have been applying for and receiving grants through the policy.

"What we're trying to do is develop the process clearly," Levstek said. "We have to have a process that is fair and equal for everyone."

Road conditions rile Haliburton County councillors

Darren Lum

Staff reporter

Pressure is mounting from local municipalities for safer highways with better winter maintenance.

U.K.-based company Carillion is in its second year of a 10-year \$11.9 million contract and is responsible for what is known as Huntsville district roadways including highways 118 and 35 in Haliburton County.

Before Carillion, the province had a six-year contract with Fowler's Construction, which sub-contracted some of the clearing to Carnarvon's Francis Thomas Contracting Ltd.

The difference between the job done by Francis Thomas and Carillion have left many upset.

Politicians in nearby municipalities, such as Huntsville mayor Claude Doughty, are angry about the way the roads have been maintained.

Huntsville council passed a resolution concerning road safety and issued a letter to the province.

Dysart council passed a similar resolution, outlining the same concerns.

"I've had more complaints about [Hwy.] 118 this year than I've ever had all the years I've been serving in municipal government. It started last year with complaints, but this year it's even worse," Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said.

Fearrey has been in politics for more than 40 years.

Dysart's resolution calls this year's road maintenance "a very real and serious threat to public safety."

The municipality requested the premier "immediately restore the level of service" to its former level "before lives are lost needlessly."

The *Haliburton Echo* contacted Carillion, but was referred to the Ministry of Transportation.

MTO regional issues and media advisor Gordan Rennie said safety is always a concern for the ministry.

"Our winter maintenance standards have been developed based on extensive experience and are consistent with the best practices of highway authorities in North America. While our contract requirements and models have changed over the years, our standards have not. Highway 11 and Highway 400 through Muskoka are maintained to a Class 1 level - the highest in Ontario," he wrote in an email.

Carillion Canada hires skilled local people who are well "trained, knowledgeable and experienced," he said.

The ministry confirmed Carillion is using one combination plow/spreader to maintain Highway 118 from five kilometres west of Anson Creek in the west to Loon Lake in east and one truck to maintain Highway 35 from the boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes to three-and-a-half kilometres south of Carnarvon.

Last year, Rennie told the *Minden Times*, "Carillion's fleet of combination units have a larger capacity for salt and sand than previous equipment, allowing them to travel farther between refilling stops. As well, the unit with the tow plow can service more than one lane at a time. In addition, the plow circuit routes serviced by this equipment are shorter than in previous winters as the contractor has modified the routes between other patrol yards."

Fearrey thought part of the problem is they're coming from too far to service areas such as Dover's Hill. Hearing complaints and driving the roads he wonders if the company is meeting standards regardless of the MTO assurances.

"Minimum standards appear to me to be less on the highways than they are on the county roads. I can't figure it out," he said.

Rennie said all area maintenance contracts define operational requirements, which include monitoring weather and road

conditions, in order to respond in a timely manner to winter events.

Within 30 minutes of the "arrival of a storm event," he said, contractors are required to start spreading sand or salt and deploying plows when there is two centimetres of snow or slush and continue these operations until the standards are met.

Highways are divided into five different classes for winter maintenance based on traffic volumes established through counts conducted every two years.

The two-lane Highway 118 falls within Class 3, which is 24 hours to bare pavement and a frequency rate of 3.3 hours.

Although Haliburton County Warden Dave Burton has received only a handful of complaints regarding Hwy. 118 in Highlands East where he is reeve, he is considering passing a similar resolution if more complaints come from county council.

Many of the complaints have come over the course of the past few weeks.

Rennie said weather has delayed plowing to bare pavement.

"Weather events over the last few weeks have been characterized by significant snowfall amounts with extremely low temperatures. Despite the best efforts of the contractor, these conditions can be extremely challenging and may delay the return to bare pavement," he said.

Doughty sees it differently, pointing to the work of previous contractors.

"The plain and simple truth is that the way the roads were maintained in Huntsville and Muskoka up to two years ago was the same standard we want today," he said.

If standards need to be changed to reflect that then so be it, he said.

Rennie stressed the MTO regularly monitors and reviews winter maintenance operations to ensure "high standards" are met.

Reviews include deployment of plows and spreaders; conducted operations; anticing in advance of a storm (if possible); documentation and information recorded by

the contractor, including driver behaviour, weather information and highway layout.

"When a review finds that a contractor hasn't met the standards, we obtain additional information to determine if there are circumstances beyond the contractor's control. Financial consequences can be assessed if the contractor did not conform to the contract. While individual payment issues cannot be disclosed publicly, they are administered according to the contract documents," he said.

Doughty is optimistic Premier Kathleen Wynne will listen to his pleas for change. He met her during the summer and said she was responsive.

"I found her receptive and open to other issues we were addressing at the time. I would hope that she will continue that method of working with the municipalities and will extend me the opportunity to meet with her," he said.

Dysart's director of public works Brian Nicholson reminds the public to match their expectations with reality.

"I do hear the complaints, but I hear complaints about our roads as well. You've got to put it into perspective. What is the timing like?" he said, referring to when complaints are made.

Nicholson reminds the public that the criteria outlined in the agreement is what the company must adhere to, no matter what the public's expectations.

"If they have bid their jobs based on minimum maintenance standards, if that was the criteria the MTO put out, then you can't blame them," he said.

If the previously contracted companies provided more than the standard then the public was treated to a higher level of service. This is the main issue, he said.

Nicholson and Rennie said some of the onus falls to the driver, who should be prepared for road conditions and weather. Winter tires are a must and driving according to

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MH gives grant to food hub

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills councillors voted last week to grant \$10,000 to the joint board of the Haliburton County Food Centre.

The centre, a collaborative project between the Arcadia Masonic Lodge and the Minden Food Bank, is under construction on the masonic property on Minden's Newcastle Street.

"Just over a year ago, the Minden Food Bank approached the Masons of Arcadia Lodge, also known as Minden Masonic Hall Inc. with an idea to partner together to build a new food bank that could better serve our fellow friends and neighbours, take advantage of free food that would otherwise end up being wasted and becoming a distribution hub for all our food banks within the county," food bank and joint board treasurer Rev. Max Ward wrote in a letter Minden Hills councillors received at their Jan. 30 meeting. "A project of this scope and vision requires community support from every organization and every level of government."

The letter asked if Minden Hills would consider a one-time grant of \$10,000.

A similar request had come to county council, but the upper tier passed, unsure if it was the county's role.

Food bank support is more typically handled at the lower-tier. Minden Hills supported the Minden Food Bank with \$3,500 last year.

"This is a capital request over and above," Reeve Barb Reid told her colleagues. Councillors were on board.

"Considering what this will do for the community, I think the municipality should absolutely support it," said Councilor Lisa Schell. "It's going to be a very fascinating building."

The project's first phase, a 2,100-square-foot storage area, is currently under construction.

But there are bigger plans, including an office, meeting space and a commercial kitchen and programming, including cooking classes.

"I think this is a unique opportunity for this organization to have a permanent home," Reid said, noting it will serve numerous families in the township. "Half the battle with food security is knowing what to do with the food you're given."

The township will use money from its 2012 surplus to donate to the project.

The joint board has also received a \$150,000 interest-free mortgage through the Haliburton County Development Corporation, along with a \$20,000 grant.

The board has also applied for a Trillium grant worth \$150,000. Board member John Teljeur of JT's Food Crusade said it is expected that total project costs will be between \$300,000 and \$400,000.



Darren Lum Staff

Places For People volunteers and board members Terry Twine, left, and Norris Turner put up drywall in the Minden home in preparation for a new client, expected in April. The non-profit organization is inviting the public to participate in the fundraiser, Building Castles for Kids Bowlathon at the Fast Lane bowling centre in Minden on Saturday, Feb. 8. Individual and team entries are invited. Call Fast Lane 705-286-3900 for more information.

Fundraiser helps to topple housing needs

Bowlathon brings in cash for affordable housing in Haliburton County

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Giving people a home they can afford is what drives Places for People.

The need isn't any less years after the not-for-profit started.

Currently, the organization has added a three-bedroom house to its collection of units and is going through applications for their newest addition located in downtown Minden, which is undergoing renovations.

President Max Ward said the organization is able to provide affordable rent because of community support through its fundraising events like the bowlathon, Highland Yard and the Haliburton Hootenanny.

This Saturday Places for People is looking to the public for support with its Building Castles for Kids Bowlathon at the Fast Lane bowling alley, starting at 12:30.

There are two flights scheduled from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m.

For more information contact Lisa 705-286-4660 lisa@ohc-ccso.ca or Fred 705-457-9694/fredandjudy50@gmail.com or The Fast Lane 705-286-3900/fastlanebowling@gmail.com.

Places for People is reviewing applications now and will have the new tenants in the Minden home in April.

Ward, who recently took the helm, is honoured to be part of the organization and its newest leader. He joined the organization in 2010.

Places for People, he said, can do what isn't financially possible for most landowners because of market conditions.

"The numbers don't work out for the average person and that's why Places for People has found a niche and a need in the community," he said, referring to the return expected on the property.

Contact Norris Turner at info@placesforpeople.ca or 705-286-0832 to help paint the new home.

MPP encourages councils to voice concerns on roads

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the conditions is imperative.

Rennie adds checking for the weather and travel conditions before heading out is helpful. See Ontario.ca/511 for road conditions. He provided the mantra: Stay alert, slow down and stay in control. MPP Laurie Scott, who has communicated her concern to Carillion, has also received complaints like last year and is frustrated by the maintenance of the roads.

"There's no question the roads aren't maintained like they used to be," she said. "I get behind some of these [trucks]. It

is different. They're tandem trucks now so you don't see as many."

There have been complaints raised during question period at Queen's Park, she said.

The issue is not getting to the attention of the MTO and is falling on "deaf ears," she said.

Scott still wants people to voice their concerns.

"We should expect better and we should get better roads for safety's sake. Yeah, [Carillion] might be following minimum standards, [but] they could be doing a better job," she said.

She said there are fewer complaints this year than last, but

wonders if the public has given up.

Scott implores more municipalities to speak up.

"I'd like them to pass resolutions. I think it comes better from a municipal council," she said.

Fearrey just wishes safety was the main concern instead of standards and if standards need to be changed for safer roads then a move should be made to do that.

He recognizes this is a provincial contract, but believes if more municipalities band together then it could affect change. "It seems to me that rural Ontario is taking quite a kicking lately. I don't know whether they'll pay any attention or not. That doesn't mean you don't try," he said.

Peterborough health unit to perform septic inspections in Minden Hills

Municipalities had to find alternatives after HKPR Health Unit backed out of program

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It looks like the Peterborough County City Health Unit will start performing septic inspections in Minden Hills.

Councillors for the township voted to enter into an agreement with the health unit at their Jan. 30 meeting.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, which had previously provided the service, announced in the fall it would no longer be conducting the inspections as of 2014, leaving lower-tier municipalities to fend for themselves.

That deadline has since been extended until the end of June.

"A meeting was held on Nov. 27, 2013, with county council, Chris Beveridge, director of environmental health (for HKPR) and the local chief building officials to discuss the transition," Minden Hills interim chief building official Colin McKnight wrote in a report to council. "It was agreed at that time that each municipality would be conducting the septic system approvals, administration and inspections, in house."

Both Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid and Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who oversee the county's most populated townships, had said this would likely require the hiring of additional staff.

In December, the township received a letter from the Peterborough unit indicating it would be interesting in performing the inspections and reps from the unit have met with reps from Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

According to McKnight's report, the unit would prefer to have at least three municipalities on board to enter into an agreement, but would do so with two.

According to the report, a satellite office would be set up in the county and the fees charged to residents would be less than the fees they were paying with HKPR. The new system could be in place for July 1.

"I think it's a good way to go," McKnight told councillors. "Obviously it's about liability and it's about service."

The Peterborough unit is looking for a three to five year contract and McKnight recommended that the township go with three years.

Dysart driver charged with multiple offences

On Sunday Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. OPP officers were conducting a RIDE check on Gelter Road in the Municipality of Dysart et al. Officers stopped a 1999 Cavalier at the check area and it was revealed that the driver was unlicensed.

As a result of the investigation, a 28-year-old man from Dysart et al had his vehicle impounded for 45 days and was charged with the following offences:

Driving while disqualified
Operate a motor vehicle without insurance

Driving while under suspension
Using unauthorized plates

The accused is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5.

Winter safety warning

The Ontario Provincial Police are asking the public to exercise caution when it comes to snowbanks and snowmobiles. Parents are being asked to discuss the dangers associated with playing on or tunnelling into snowbanks.

With the amount of snow that has fallen this winter, and with more being forecast to fall starting on Tuesday evening, the overall height of area snowbanks is beginning to impede the safety of motorists travelling on the road as those exiting from driveways are unable to have a clear and unobstructed view of approaching traffic.

Chief superintendent John Tod, regional commander of the OPP Central Region is urging drivers to be extra cautious when backing out of driveways.

"The height of these snowbanks is making it very hard to see other motor vehicles and snowmobiles that also use our roads at this time of year. If snowbanks cannot be reduced, backing into a driveway may be safer way to provide a means of exit when that time comes."

"Traffic safety is a shared responsibility and everyone must do their part and make safety part of any travel plans. Winter is far from over, so let's work together to make it free from any unnecessary tragedy," says chief superintendent Tod.

Driver arrested at RIDE check

On Sunday, Feb. 2, officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police were conducting a RIDE check on Bobcaygeon Road at Water Street in the Township of Minden Hills.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., a 2012 Volkswagen was stopped at that location. The male driver of the vehicle had been drinking and registered a fail on the roadside screening device.

The man was transported to the OPP detachment in Minden where he refused to provide a sample of his breath as required by law.

As a result of the investigation that followed, a 33-year-old man of Toronto was charged with refusing to provide a breath sample and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5.

Furthermore, the investigation revealed that he was violating a judicial procedure and will remain in custody.

Police charged a 19-year-old Haliburton man with possessing property obtained by crime and three counts of breaking his probation order.

On Jan. 25 around 2:30 a.m., police were called to deal with an "unwanted male party" at a property on Sunnyside Street in Haliburton. After searching the area, officers found the man hiding in a car. He was held for a bail hearing on Jan. 27 at the Ontario Court of Justice in Lindsay.

Drunk driver in Minden Hills

Police charged a 71-year-old man from Essa Township with drunk driving on Jan. 24 after stopping his car on Highway 35.

The man was arrested and taken to the OPP detachment and provided a breath sample.

He was charged with operating a vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. His licence was suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded for seven days.

He will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5.

Snowmobiler charged with drunk driving

A 28-year-old Keswick man was charged with impaired driving on Jan. 26 when police stopped his snowmobile at Pinestone Resort outside of Haliburton.

The man was taken to the local OPP detachment and given a breath test.

He was charged with operating a vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood, impaired driving and his driver's licence was suspended for 90 days.

The man will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on March 5. The police remind sledders that the rules of drinking and driving for automobiles also apply to snowmobiles.

Police find man hiding in car

Two men were charged with having open alcohol in the car when they were stopped at a RIDE check on County Road 21 on Jan. 24.

The driver was 28 years old and the passenger was 22, both from Minden Hills.

Disqualified driver arrested

A 46-year-old Algonquin Highlands man was charged with driving while disqualified when police caught him driving on Kushog Lake Road near Carnarvon Jan. 30.

Police say the man was also consuming alcohol.

The man's pickup truck was impounded for 45 days, his licence suspended for three days. He is scheduled to appear in court on March 5.

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Darren Lum Staff

Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount stands in front of work exhibited in the *A Different Way – Rug Hooking Exhibition*, which is part of the Minden facility's focus this year on "social aspects" of art. This week the gallery offers the Waste-Not Want-Not Symposium, which will equip participants to be more self-reliant.

Gallery finds new direction from community

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden is offering an opportunity to see the world in a different way this week.

From the *Waste-not Want-not Symposium* this Saturday to the current show *A Different Way – Rug Hooking Exhibition*.

The combination of the offerings is to get the public thinking said gallery curator Laurie Carmount.

"Can you actually come to an exhibition and walk away with a life-altering thought? Because, you know, there is this obvious thought we have out there [that] art is superfluous, art is secondary to everything else. But there are many instances where science and creative art thinking are coming with solutions that break the ongoing linear thinking that we had so it's an important process that I hope people will recognize," she said.

This approach is part of the gallery being interested in exploring "more meaningful things," Carmount said.

"Usually I look to the art and the quality of the art and what that says. This year I looked to the social aspects and what I heard in the community and then have built the exhibition to that," she said. "This is the first kind of attempt to do that. You'll see that in many of exhibitions coming this year."

Currently, the gallery is exhibiting hooked rugs to bring attention to the beauty of the medium and to "portray Canadian landscape" in the *A Different Way – Rug Hooking Exhibition*.

It also "examines how economics affect our choices and abilities in beautifying our surroundings."

Back when rug hooking was popular, this art form, which reuses material, was rooted in survival instead of a conscious decision to be environmental like the contemporary motivation behind reusing and waste-

reduction, Carmount said.

The exhibition includes rugs from The Textile Museum of Canada, Susan Murray's private collection, the Minden Hills Museum collection and from Ontario and Minden Rug Hooking Guilds. The show runs until March 1.

The symposium is this Saturday in the common room at the centre from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It is a day devoted to "transitional thoughts to address different ways that we can leave as little impact as possible."

Divided into two parts, the workshop starts with Wendy Milne, who will provide an introduction to rug hooking, quilting and refurbishing clothes. It starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 12 p.m. The fee is \$10.

The second half of the day, which follows the pancake lunch from Abbey Gardens, is dedicated to Talks and Docs – Living Within Your Means from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Environment Haliburton organization member Eric Lilius is scheduled to talk.

Participants will learn how to be more self-reliant, offering advice on hoop houses, cultivation, powering-down, seed saving, forest gardening, preserving food, setters' inventions, tiny home phenomena and being creative with what you have.

The fee is \$10 for the public and \$5 for members.

The next exhibition the gallery is hosting is *Function versus Expression*.

It features Tory Hill glassblowers Terry Craig and Jennifer Wanless-Craig of Artech Studios and Haliburton potter, April Gates, as well as artist blacksmith Sandra Dunn.

This show explores the concept of art versus craft.

It starts March 4 following the end to *A Different Way* with the opening on March 7.

Student creativity a requisite

For students eight and older, the gallery offers ART'n Around, an after-school program opportunity to explore their creativ-

ity using a wide variety of art materials and learn about art history.

The program runs from January to March and is \$20, which includes supplies.

The gallery welcomes more participants. Call 705-286-3763 for details.

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our editorial

If it isn't broken ...

ONLINE REACTION to last week's decision by Minden Hills council to try out a ban on left turns from Water Street to Bobcaygeon Road was swift and harsh.

Comments came rolling in on Facebook and the Times website shortly after the story was posted following last Thursday's meeting.

"Is this a way to make navigating town more awkward?"

"Dumbest idea ever."

"Is this from The Onion?" another reader inquired, referencing the satirical news site.

Minden Hills councillors have had numerous discussions about attempting to improve traffic flow downtown.

A three-way stop – a solution suggested by a number of online commentators – has been discussed, but some councillors thought such would create lines of traffic that are too long.

And they're probably right.

While a three-way stop may work at the intersection this time of year, picture downtown Minden on a Friday afternoon in July.

There would be a traffic jam down the main strip, possibly around the bend down Bobcaygeon Road heading back towards Highway 35.

A light would cause the same issue and also present an unnecessary expense for the municipality.

However, the proposed no-left-turn solution poses potential complications as well.

As another reader pointed out, those trying to access the strip but being forced to turn right will likely use Invergordon Avenue or Deep Bay Road to turn around and come back, creating congestion elsewhere.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

If drivers coming down Water Street use Milne as a bypass, a line of traffic will form down Milne Street from Newcastle.

That intersection itself is an awkward one.

The no-left-turn policy seems likely to simply move the complication elsewhere.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch may prove to be correct when she said that a ban on either turns at Water and Bobcaygeon streets would cause problems.

The best solution seems to be to leave things as they are.

No, the intersection is not ideal. It is a pain in the neck. Literally.

You have to inch up to the line, craning your head to see if anyone is coming down the strip to the left or across the bridge to the right.

It's inconvenient, but, when caution is exercised, can be navigated safely.

How many collisions occur at that intersection?

I can personally recall one in the more than five years I've worked for the *Times*.

What's that saying? If something isn't broken . . .

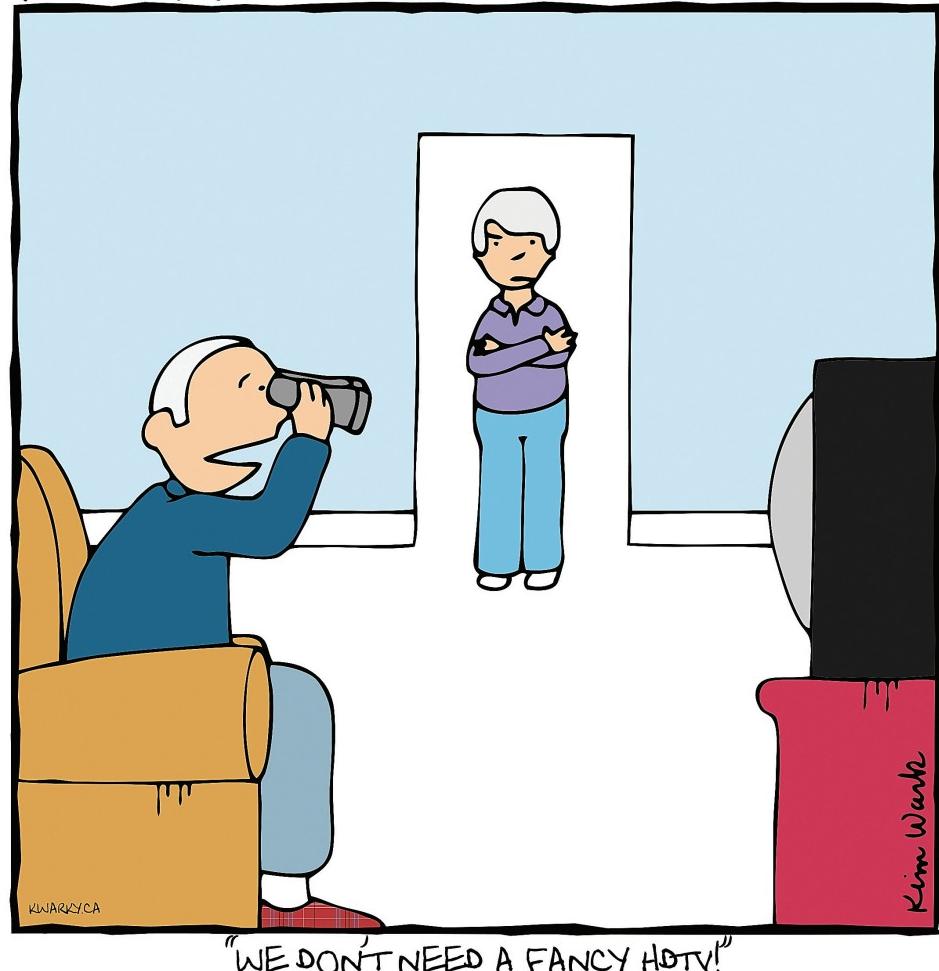
Perhaps visibility at the intersection could be improved with the installation of convex mirrors. This could help drivers see vehicles coming from either direction on Bobcaygeon.

But council has made a decision and the township's roads director thinks it could help ease congestion at the site, so that has to mean something.

The ban, which will likely come into effect in spring, is meant to be a trial, with Reeve Barb Reid saying by August it should be clear whether the change is helping or hindering.

We'll just have to wait and see.

KWARKY



letters to the editor

Bylaw will affect shoreline structures

To the Editor,

The council of Township of Algonquin Highlands is proposing a bylaw to license the use of shoreline properties owned by the municipality. This proposal will have significant impacts on those property owners who have structures like steps, decks, docks, boathouses, etc. on these shoreline properties. The proposed bylaw may in fact make it extremely expensive to retain these decades' old structures, if not impossible to retain them.

Council is seeking ways to reduce their risk exposure of having the liability of the use of their lands by others (taxpaying cottagers and permanent residents). The proposal requires that these structures meet modern building codes and the township's zoning bylaws. Can you imagine all these decade old structures built by do-it-yourselfers decades ago having to meet modern building codes? The result will be that they will all have to be torn down and in many instances they cannot be replaced even if they did meet the current laws due to the restrictions of this proposed bylaw. Say goodbye to the cottage and its value.

In addition to having to meet the modern laws, council is also proposing some onerous application fees for the license to use their lands that have been enjoyed by the residents in many locations for almost a century now with little to no liability issues. The bylaw will also require the resident to indemnify and save harmless the township from any claims (legal gobbledegook that really says DON'T SUE ME,

SUE THEM). Don't we already pay for that kind of insurance in our taxes through the township's corporate insurance policy?

Council is also trying to pass this bylaw with little to no solicited input from their constituents. A draft of the bylaw is already in place, have you been advised of this? No you likely haven't and councillors have said "but we haven't had much feedback on this bylaw." No of course you haven't because you haven't asked. Council conducts municipal business that affects so many seasonal property owners during the time of year when the population is at its lowest and they wonder why they haven't had much feedback? Try advertising in tax bills and provide much more information on your website when you propose bylaws that have such huge negative consequences to the taxpayer. Have you ever called your constituents to ask what they think, Madame Reeve?

Council needs to rethink this proposal, they need to be fully transparent and conduct a public process that informs the public and seeks their input. Council needs to rethink this bylaw and find a solution that is much more palatable to all those who are affected.

Residents of Algonquin Highlands, pay attention to what your council is doing and express your satisfaction or dissatisfaction this coming fall when the next municipal election takes place.

C.A. Campbell
Halls Lake

More letters to the Editor on page 8

points of view

Take this job and shovel it

SOMETIMES THIS MORNING, I'm going to have to shovel our back deck for the fourth time this winter.

This is not something people think about when they dream of having back decks. They think of sun, cold drinks, barbecues, good books and lawn chairs. No one thinks of shoveling two feet of heavy snow over the rails. We are not hard-wired to associate decks with snow. Or hard work. Or back aches. Or shovels.

What you've just read is yet another successful procrastination technique used by skilled columnists such as myself to delay doing things they'd rather not do - like shovel snow off decks for instance.

The first paragraph, which was merely 74 words took me three minutes to write, after several revisions. It might not seem like a lot, but that's three minutes that could have been utilized shoveling the back deck, which I am not looking forward to.

The idea of procrastination is a

uniquely human one, I suspect. It's basically, delaying the inevitable. I'm going to have to shovel that deck. It's not going away.

If you read Neil's column below, he's probably procrastinating too. I suspect he's got some sap bucket cleaning that he's been putting off for a while.

I think procrastination is a partner to optimism. For underlying my thought process is, if I delay the completion of this column long enough, spring will arrive and I won't have to shovel the deck. You've got to admit that's optimistic.

Realistically, however, I won't be able to delay the completion of this column till spring. My editor is not that understanding. So eventually, when I get to somewhere around 600 words, I will have to shovel that deck.

Great.

Of course, there is the off chance that while I am agonizing over this very paragraph, the earth's orbit will hiccup and pass closer to the sun, thereby melting all the snow on my back deck before I get around to shoveling it. Admittedly, this is a long shot, but while this column is still being crafted, hope springs eternal.

The problem now is I've just returned from a much-needed, five minute coffee break to continue writing this column. In that time, I was hoping that an act of nature would have significantly reduced the state of snow on my deck. Sadly, if anything, it has snowed a little more.

That's the problem with procrastination. When you put things off, unfavourable results can occur too. Like more snow, for instance.

I now have this sinking feeling that



Steve Galea

Beyond 35

shoveling the back deck will be an inevitability. I'm only 160 words from the completion of this column and no one has decided to perform a random act of kindness by walking into our yard and shoveling that deck. And it's certainly not going to shovel itself.

Apparently, this is going to be my job.

These are the times when I long for the old days when columnists were told to go long, say 1,000 words or so. If that were the case, I'd still have 500 words separating me from back ache.

Sadly, however, that's not the case. In a mere 50 words, I'm going to have to grudgingly concede defeat, get dressed and face my worst nightmare.

That's right, I'm going to have to shovel the back deck.

Is there any good news in all of this? Well, Campbell always goes longer on his columns than I do. So I suspect cleaning sap buckets is even worse.

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Owl ears and whiteouts

THE GIANT TRUMPETER swans who have been hanging out at Moore Falls could hold their own against most things that would eat them, but could they handle a black bear?

Evidently a great grey owl, like the one Larry Gordon photographed near Miners Bay, could. Great greys have been known to fend off black bears attacking their nests.

That's impressive, for your average great grey owl weighs only about three pounds. Though it is the biggest of the North American owls, most of that size is feathers.

Great greys are uncommon everywhere, even in their northern habitat. They're most likely to show up in Haliburton when their boreal larder is bare.

Lucky for Larry, great greys are pre-

ternaturally calm, seemingly tame, indifferent to human presence. Larry has trouble getting the great grey he spots beside Highway 35 to pay any attention to him.

The owl is so far inside its head that when Larry finds that he has a dead battery in his camera, there is time to go home and get another one.

When he gets back, the bird is just about where he left it. Each time Larry wades a few feet closer through deep snow, the owl turns its head to check his progress.

When, finally, he is close to suit his camera, Larry has to whistle, holler, even kick a tree to get the owl to turn its head for its portrait.

Neither The Brown Dog Jiggs nor I have ever identified a great grey on Sapsucker Ridge, but then neither of us is much good at identifying birds. Jiggs can't fly, so he doesn't care.

We may have heard a great grey hooting without realizing it. It doesn't deliver the hoo-hoo-aw that concludes the remarks hooted by our barred owl, our most common owl.

Indeed, the barred owl's vocabulary has such a rich collection of barks and hollers, another owl's hoot might easily be mistaken for one of them.

Owls are famous for their night vision but it is their hearing that is truly remarkable. The huge disks that

surround the great grey's eyes focus sound and the mis-aligned arrangement of their ears lets them triangulate a sound source.

They can hear a vole or mouse tunnelling under two feet of snow and plunge through that much snow to grab their dinner.

Years ago, a logger friend of mine comes upon a huge owl standing calmly by the roadside. Seated in the driver's seat, my friend feels almost eyeball to eyeball with the big bird.

Bird standing, man sitting, they look at each other for a very long time. Finally, my friend drives off. The owl wins. It must be a great grey.

SPEAKING OF NATURAL phenomena, how about micro-climates? Though you may live just over the hill, today's weather may be quite different at your house than it is on Sapsucker Ridge.

So it has been this winter for folks who cross the boundaries that separate the City of Kawartha Lakes from the outside, less-civilized world.

Time and again this winter, folks tell me about proceeding cautiously over snow-covered, icy Kawartha Lakes roads, only to find bare pavement on the other side of some

county line.

Of course, that's hearsay. Here is a witness statement from The Brown Dog, whose testimony should never be doubted. One day last week, old Highway 121 is white and treacherous-looking from Fenelon Falls to Kinmount.

On this side of Kinmount, almost exactly at the Haliburton County line, abruptly the white disappears and the road home turns asphalt black. You would never think a line on a map would make that much difference in the weather.

White-outs are yet another natural phenomenon, or so we must believe. Snow plows leave eight-foot banks piled up alongside Highway 35 just north of Lindsay.

When the merest zephyr of a breeze wafts across those bank tops, a blinding white fills up our world. Where banks are low, the snow stays below headlight level. You might even be able to see where you are going.

Towering snow banks that might have been winged back to some manageable level. A winter breeze. Snow-plowing budgets. Fewer trucks. Lower taxes. Talk about your natural phenomena.

Don't blame the plowmen. They're just following orders. It's this obstreperous old-fashioned winter that spoils somebody else's master plan. The plowmen are my heroes.

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To the Editor,

The Minden Hills council have been known to change its mind. I hope they do on this one! We all know there is an engineering site line problem at the bridge on Bobcaygeon Rd. To think that no left-hand turn at the bridge corner from Water Street will solve it is not the answer, in my opinion. It will create another problem as we will all have to cross the bridge only to make a U-turn at Deep Bay Road to come back down to the shops on the main part of Bobcaygeon Road. Of course it may help the businesses across the bridge! If we want to park on the south side of the main street we will have to take this trip across the bridge no matter how we enter Minden to shop here. To make this law a trial period from May to the end of August infers to me that we all lose our common courtesy driving skills when traffic increases with the arrival of our seasonal and tourist traf-

fic. At 40 km/hr I can't believe that we cannot make this turn safely as we have been doing for years. Perhaps I will just try to find a parking spot behind the Village Green unless the council decides to turn this area into a children's playground as another part of their downtown revitalization. Of course this would eliminate another dozen or more much needed parking spots. I wish the council would spend their time trying to solve the sloped sidewalk problem in front of the CIBC bank! This to me is a bigger safety problem than a left hand turn at the bridge!

N.B. If you are tech savvy read the comments on this matter at www.mindentimes.ca

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

Driven to Quit encourages people to go tobacco-free to win prizes

The Driven to Quit Challenge is revving up again to give local smokers a chance to win a brand-new vehicle and get on the road to tobacco-free living.

After a one-year break, the Driven to Quit Challenge returns in 2014 to give people the opportunity to win a brand-new Dodge Avenger or Dodge Journey, or one of seven \$1,000 cash prizes.

All contest entrants have to do is stay tobacco-free for the entire month of March with the help of a buddy, who is also eligible to win a cash prize of \$100.

The Driven to Quit Challenge is organized by the Canadian Cancer Society.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is encouraging local residents who regularly smoke or use other tobacco products to take up the Driven to Quit Challenge.

During the last Driven to Quit Challenge in 2012, nearly 680 people entered the contest from the health unit's region, which includes Haliburton County, the City of Kawartha Lakes and Northumberland County.

"Local residents are encouraged to take up the Driven to Quit Challenge,

because this is one instance in which being a quitter can really pay off for someone," says Jennifer Robertson, a public health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit.

"Not only do you have an opportunity to win a brand-new vehicle, but the best prize you can take home is better health for yourself and your loved ones."

Driven to Quit is open to Ontario residents 19 years or age and older. To enter, people can visit www.driventoquit.ca or call the Smokers' Helpline at 1-877-513-5333.

Deadline to register is midnight on Feb. 28.

Every person who enters the Driven to Quit Challenge will receive discount coupons towards the purchase of nicotine patches and gum.

In addition to receiving support from their quit buddies, contestants can also get help in their quest to stay tobacco-free by accessing the free services available through the Smokers' Helpline (www.smokershelpline.ca).

According to Robertson, people who take part in the Driven to Quit Challenge increase the likelihood that they will become tobacco-free for good.

An evaluation from the 2012 Driven to Quit Challenge found 28 per cent of tobacco users who took part in the contest remained smoke-free for more than 90 days.

Just over half of contestants remained smoke-free for longer than 30 days.

"The Driven to Quit Challenge gives you motivation and support to go tobacco-free," says Robertson. "Remember, it can take several tries to give up tobacco, but every quit attempt brings you closer to success."

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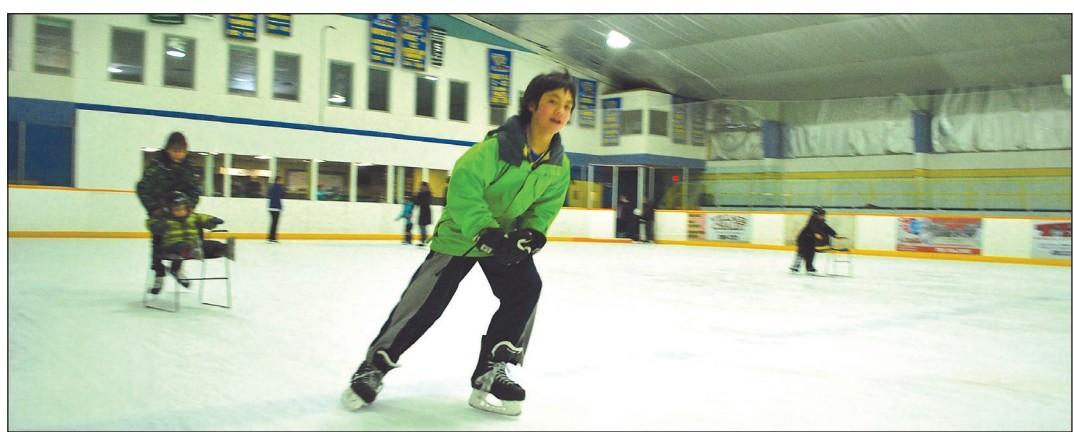
Taking advantage of ice time

Layne Robinson was learning to skate at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Feb. 2. Minden Hills township offers public skating at the arena each Wednesday and Sunday from noon to 2 p.m.

Middle left, Liam and Cambell McCracken hit the ice in Minden for some skating on Feb. 2.

Bottom left, There were plenty of parents with their children, like Rick Whitteker and son Owen, enjoying some public skating in Minden on Sunday.

Photos by Chad Ingram



Skaters compete in Napanee

On Jan. 22 five skaters from the Minden Skating club and their coach Jane Symons and club coach Janene Greer travelled to Napanee to work with former World Gold Medalist 2008 and Olympic Bronze Medalist 2006 Jeffrey Buttle, and Canadian Silver Medalist 2011 and Olympic competitor Shawn Sawyer. Both men continue to perform in many ice shows with Stars on Ice.

Larissa Stephenson, Denise Sherbakov, Jordyn Greer, Alexius Mills, and Ruthie Parker had a full day of training ending with a group number choreographed by either Jeff or Shawn. The girls were on ice for spins, jumps and choreography as well as off ice fitness training and off ice dance training by Diego Arvelo. Diego was presented with the title of guest international choreographer for EDANCO 2011 an international festival of contemporary dance.

There was never a spare moment for the skaters but chances are they would do it all again. At the day's end the skaters were able to quiz Shawn and Jeff about their careers and take photos. Thanks to the moms who made the trip and supported the girls and thanks to the parents for giving the skaters this opportunity. By Jane Symons

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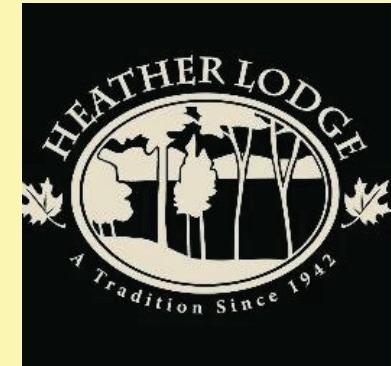
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The **2014 Annual Warden's Breakfast** will be held on **Wednesday, March 5th, 2014** and we are pleased to be welcoming **Warden Dave Burton** to discuss the state of Haliburton County.

Last year over 60 members of our community attended the Warden's Breakfast to hear from then-Warden Carol Moffat about what was up and coming in the County for the year. This is a great opportunity to mix & mingle with the Warden and other engaged individuals from across the Haliburton Highlands.

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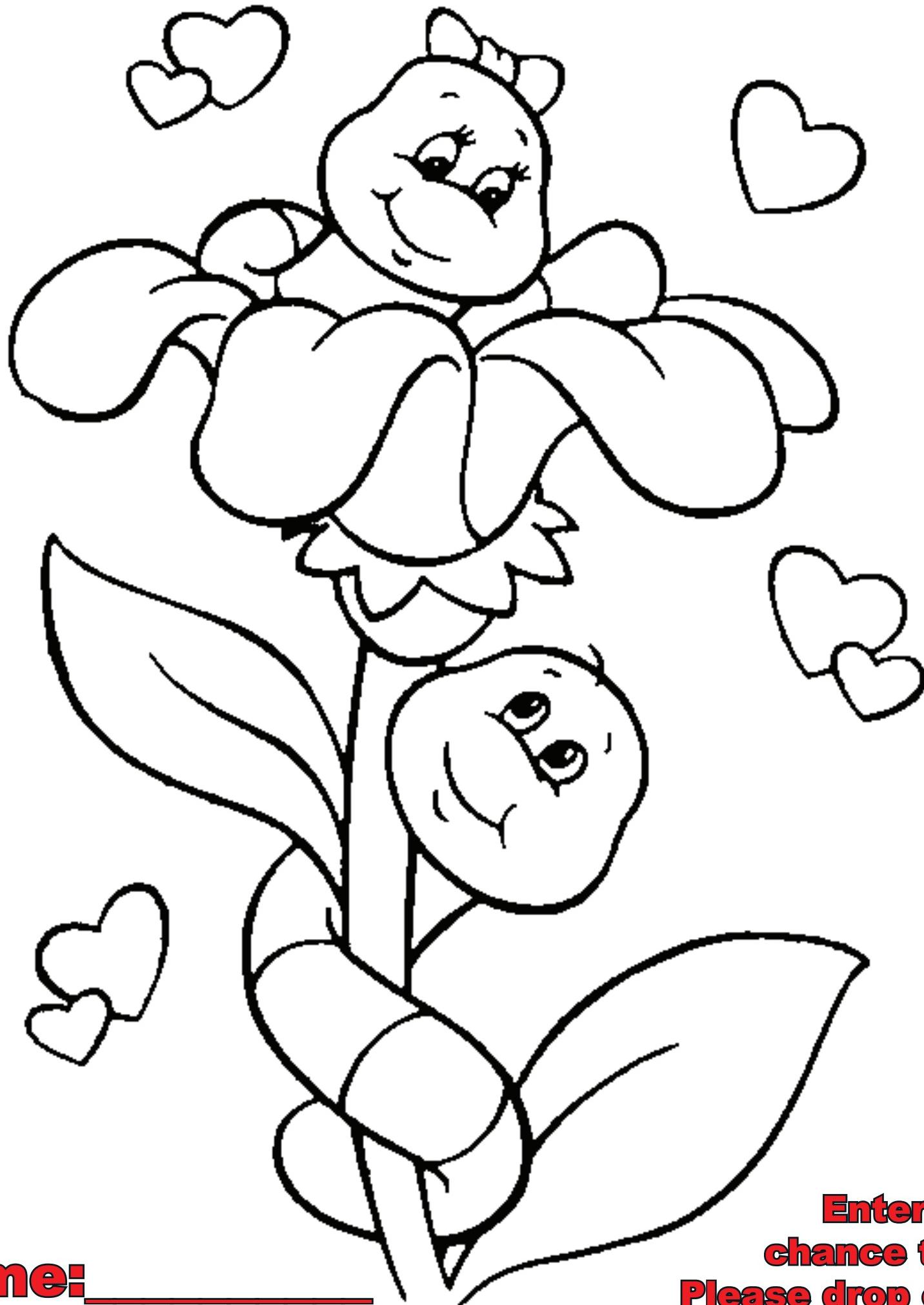
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D division winners of the Coneybear's Butcher Shop Trophy from left to right: Cal Kennedy (skip), Wilma Muhic (vice) Bev Kennedy (lead), Greg Muhic (second).

Winter Mixed Bonspiel heats up Minden

On Jan. 24 and 25, the Minden Curling Club hosted its 53rd annual Winter Mixed Bonspiel.

Teams from Port Perry, Whitby, Burlington, Newmarket, Brampton and Minden Curling Club comprised the 16 teams most of which are repeat entries. The two-day spiel began on Friday night with two draws and concluded on Saturday with four draws and the finals. The event was capped off with a banquet. Thanks to club volunteers Winn Taylor, Jim and Marian Gilland-

ers, Dave McKay, Pat Woodcroft, Iain Kay and Joyce Nilsson, Judith McNielage, Jere Pike, Dave and Vickie Tranter, and Steve and Audrey Robson.

The A division and the Jug City Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Bruce Fisher (skip), Melanie Vigrass (vice) Doug Brown (second) and Carol Alain (lead). The B division and Heat-Line Freeze Protection Trophy was won by the Minden team of Alf Trotter (skip), Dana Kinsman (vice), Paul Prentice (second) and

Patti Prentice (lead). The C division and Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty Trophy winners were the Minden Curling Club team of Ed Copeland (skip), Mary Copeland (vice) Bruce McClellan (second) and Carol McClellan (lead). The D division and Coneybear's Butcher's Shop Trophy went to the Port Perry team skipped by Cal Kennedy, with Wlima Muhic (vice) Greg Muhic (second) and Bev Kennedy (lead). Many thanks to our sponsors, Jug City, Heat-Line Freeze Protection, Bill Kulas-Re/Max Realty, and

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Mother Nature throwing off Legion plans



Mother Nature sure seems to be against the Legion lately!

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The roads were heavily snow-covered on Saturday when members of Minden Legion headed to Lindsay to play darts.

The team comprised of Herb Rogers, Pete McGowan, Maggie Rogers and Arla Pollard did not advance to the next round, but it was a good experience for the branch to be involved in sports with other Legions. There still is room for another

team to play mixed darts in March.

A sign-up sheet and more details are available at the bar.

Most of our activities are open to anyone, but you must be a member of the Minden branch to participate in Legion Zone F-4 sports events.

We are one of 13 branches in our Zone and if our teams win, they compete at district level against branches from as far away as Picton and Pickering.

The Minden Legion will be rockin' and stompin' this Saturday afternoon from 1 to 5 p.m. when the Highlands Trio will be back to entertain.

The band has a great group of fans who enjoy their bluegrass and down-east style music, so make sure you come early. There is no cover charge and food will be available, cooked and served by our team of volunteers.

Speaking of food, the word must have been out that Malcolm was cooking last Thursday, because there was an exceptionally good turnout for lunch. His \$8 specialties were either Philly Steak with fresh-cut fries and a wrap or bun, or liver and onions with mashed potatoes and veggies. For soup, you could have had a choice of turkey soup or cream of potato for just \$4.

I was just passing through that day, but Friday Night we did try the fish and fries for the first time. (Try saying THAT phrase three times fast!)

President Keith was the cook that night, serving up a very generous portion of real fish fillet with a crispy fresh batter, not the skimpy little triangle frozen stuff you might get elsewhere. Minden Legion serves lunch noon to 2 p.m. every weekday, with a feature meal selected by the

cook of the day. Give us a try!

The craft group continues to get together on Thursday mornings and last week they were working on cross-stitch designs. Members of the group had made up cloth bags for cooking potatoes in the microwave and already sold one to a lady who was coming in to play darts after lunch.

Many thanks to everyone who has been bringing items for the group and a special thanks to members Ken and Bonnie Krakenberg who have donated a sewing machine.

If you like to be creative there's always room for more crafters, whether or not you are a member of the branch. Come on out Thursdays from 10 to noon.

Beat the winter blahs, there's always something happening at the Minden Legion.

Save your cardboard for toboggan races in Dorset

Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

705-766-0076

malfano@hotmail.ca

Start saving your cardboard now to construct your first ever Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival cardboard toboggan for the big race at the toboggan hill on Saturday, Feb. 15 starting at noon.

Cardboard and tape only please! All welcome! For more information, visit www.dorsetsnowball.com or call the rec centre at 705-766-9968.

If you are interested in the Poker Rally at Lions Camp Dorset taking place on Feb. 8, contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or

visit www.tallpines.org. For information on accommodations at Lions Camp Dorset call 705-766-2780.

The YWCA is hosting an YW4 work Community meeting regarding women's community economic development at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Wednesday, Feb. 5 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Children welcome and snacks will be provided. Visit www.ywcamuskoka.com or call 705-645-9827 for more information.

Did you receive a Christmas present that you'll never use in a million years? If so - Snowball can help you out.

Donate it to the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival silent auction that helps to raise funds for next year's event.

It's a great cause and helps to keep the price of a button one of the lowest at local winter carnivals.

Any good, usable new or nearly new items are appreciated.

Volunteers are needed for Snowball! There are lots of great jobs so if you can spare an hour or two, give the rec centre a call for more information.

There are both indoor and outdoor activities where helpers would be much appreciated.

Students looking for volunteer hours are welcome.

Come to the Snowball meeting on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the rec centre or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

The Dorset Rec Centre has members looking for a certified personal trainer to provide one on one fitness assessments and programs, with compensation to be negotiated between client and trainer.

If you are interested, give the rec centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Muskoka Seniors is in need to fill some great positions as part of their fun lunch crew for their Dorset luncheons.

They have light serving and clean up positions needed which will take no more than an hour once a month. A police

check is needed with a volunteer application.

If you have a desire to make a difference in a fun atmosphere the Muskoka Seniors would love to have you as a part of their wonderful roster of volunteers. Please contact Tanya Hedley, 705-789-6676 extension 24.

The next Dorset senior's luncheon is on Thursday, Feb. 13 and the theme is Valentine Bingo, colours red and white.

Lunch reservations are required open to clients of Muskoka Seniors ages 60+.

The cost is \$9 and includes lunch served at noon with theme and program (guest speakers, demonstrations, activities and entertainment) running to 2 p.m. Email luncheons@muskokaseniors.org or call Tanya as above.

Birthday wishes for Feb. 2 to 8 go out to Kassie Wright, Mitchell Webb, Mark Kearney and Libby Timbers.

Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

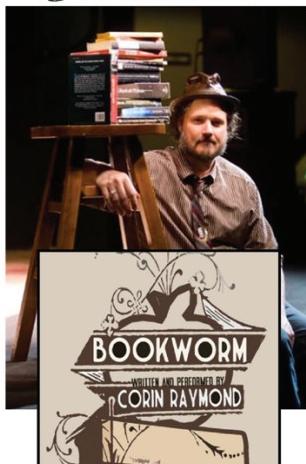
If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

Coming Events

The Haliburton County Folk Society
presents
An Evening with Corin Raymond

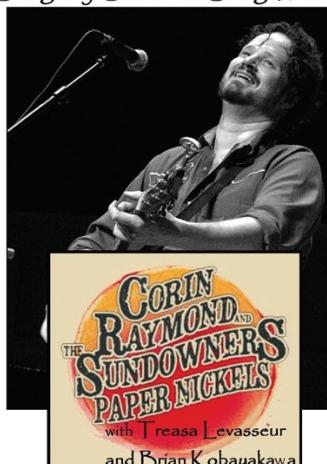
Theatre

Corin's one-man show



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January 28 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Muriel McIntosh 6,260, Linda Cherry 5,200, Anne Maher 4,840 and Rob Eaton 4,500. Ross Fletcher won the draw while Ross Pawson received the Shiny Penny.

January 28 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Nancy Ballantyne the news that Anne Nickson led at 4,060 then Donna McArthur 3,840 and Jim Burrows 3,560.

January 28 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that Dorene Elstone and Pam Pappas topped the charts at 408 followed by Yvonne Arbuthnot and Joan Bell 312. In third place at 304 were Connie Sawyer and Tom Macartney while Eleanor Lymer partnered with Jean Randal claimed the afternoon's low with a respectable 217.

January 28 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the ladies Rae Dawn Shepheard was high and our reporter Nancy McPherson low while Gord Darby topped the gents and Gene Newell was low man. Lone hand honours went to Sharon Lapierre with Betty Hicks winning the draw.

January 28 Minden Seniors bid euchre

see CARD page 15

County card scores

from page 14

at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Belle Walker 339, Theresa Deak 313, our reporter Betty Wagar 260 and Bev Johnson 247. First for the gents at 283 was John Deak then Jesse Barlow 269, Marcel Roussel 260 and Pat Dickson 250. Georgina Parkes won the major draw with Tom Grix, Vi Howell and Kevin Maloney claiming the smaller prizes while Bev Johnson, Pat Roussel and Theresa Deak [2] took the moonshots.

January 29 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ross and Joan Davies were first at 60 percent followed by Ev Morgan and Reet Murray and Ross Fletcher partnered with Peter O'Connor tied at 58 percent. Heather Lindsay and Mary Johnson were fourth at 53 percent.

January 30 euchre at Minden Legion: Lone hand holders were Bev Johnson and Jim Bradbury with Theresa Deak and Doug McIntosh posting the high scores. Our reporter May Bradbury and John Deak had the evening's low scores while Theresa Deak [2], Bev Johnson, Murray Daniels and Pearl Cowen took home the other prizes.

January 30 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were our reporter Bev Johnson 313, Pat Roussel 294, Pearl Cowen 283 and Marcy Morgan 267. At 285 Jesse Barlow topped the gents then Albert Foster 278, Archie Ross 277 and Dorothy McElwain 267. Pat Roussel held the hidden score, Jason Peacock took the "call 1" draw and moonshots landed on Eileen Shapiera, Pearl Cowen, Marcel Roussel and Archie Ross [2].

January 31 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that Doreen Francis won for both high hands and the special prize with Albert Foster taking the most lone hands and Cathy Howe winning for low hands.

January 31 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Kathie Porter and Helen Baker led at 69 percent then Ross Davies partnered with our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh 65 percent.

February 1 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: At 292 Marcel Roussel led the gents followed by Tom Grix 271, Jason Peacock 268 and Karin Harrison 236. First for the ladies at 286 was Sherin Brown then Janice Davidson 283, Bev Johnson 234 and Maria Tschida 232. Sherin Brown also won the special prize with Tom Grix, Eileen Shepstone and our reporter Albert Foster taking the moonshots.

February 2 Big Bucks Euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that at this monthly event Lorraine Button was first at 102, Pearl Cowen next at 96 and Muriel McIntosh third

at 93 with Theresa Deak winning for lone hands.

February 3 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand holders were Ellen Holden and Lorna Hicks with Maxine Snell and Shirley Morden posting the high scores. The afternoon's low went to Mabel Deacon while Lorna Hicks also claimed the special prize.

February 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson the news that at 281 Howard Smith was first then Gala Newell 277 and Theresa Deak 273. Rae Dawn Shephard won the draw while Marcel Roussel and Phyllis Windsor took single moonshots and Howard Smith and Tom Grix each had two.

February 3 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Maria Tschida won for high hands, Pearl Cowen for lone hands, Shirley Howe for low hands and Margaret Fletcher for the special prize.

February 3 euchre at Club 35: Lone hand honours went to Pat Marshall with Clara Miscio and Jean Dutka recording the highs. The evening's lows went to Dorene Elstone and Linda Voycey with Clara Miscio claiming the baloney. Thanks to Garth Windsor for this update.

Notices



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Aircraft Hangar Design-Build

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is accepting Design-Build proposals for aircraft hangars at the Haliburton-Stanhope Municipal Airport.

SCOPE OF WORK: The scope of work includes the design and construction of four (4) aircraft hangars capable of housing five (5) aircraft each as per the proposal documents. The successful proponent will be required to enter into a contract with the successful general contractor for the overall airport hangar development project.

START/END DATE: Anticipated to be May 1, 2014 with the completion of the work by October 31, 2014.

RFP documents will be available after 2 p.m. local time on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Township Office located at:

1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, ON
K0M 1J1

There will be a \$50 non-refundable deposit required to receive the RFP documents.

Proponent contact information will be made available through the Township website for the purpose of sub-trades.

Qualified companies are encouraged to submit a sealed proposal plainly marked "PROPOSAL – AIRCRAFT HANGAR DESIGN-BUILD" to the above address by:

2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2014

For further information, please call 705-489-2379. Lowest or any proposal not necessarily accepted.

Angie Bird, A.M.C.T., CMM1
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Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
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SCOPE OF WORK :

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to the following:

- The supply and application of center line and edge line markings ,
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- Pre-Marking of newly surfaced roads

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Transverse Lines – Stop Blocks – 217
Arrow Pavement Markings – 37
Hatch Medians – Yellow – 360 Metres
Crosswalk Lines – 60 Metres
Traffic Calming Markings – 6

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the

County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario until:

11:00 a.m. Local Time on FEBRUARY 10, 2014

FOR TENDER FORMS, Please Contact:
Angie Horner, Administrative Assistant
(705)-286-1762
Email : ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca

TENDER ADVERTISEMENT
CONTRACT NO. 2014 - 22

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LOCATION :

COUNTY ROAD No.648
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Rehabilitation of a Rural Section of Roadway
Padding and levelling course at the Jay Lake Trailer Park

SCOPE OF WORK :

Without limiting the generality of this Contract, the work comprising this Contract consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following:

- The pulverization and milling of the existing road surface and re-shaping/grading of the road way cross-section,
- The placement of 100mm of quarried Granite Granular 'A' to the upper base course, compacted and shaped to desired cross-fall,
- The supply and placement of 50mm depth of hot mix asphalt ,
- The paving of all commercial and side road entrances within the project section, and
- The Application of Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal

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| • Approximate Quantities : | HL4 Surface Course | 9,600 tonnes |
| | Granular 'A' Shoulders/Entrances | 30,000 tonnes |
| | In-Place Processing | 100,000 sq.m |
| | Cold Milling (50mm curb areas) | 4,500 sq.m |
| | Fiberglass Reinforced Chip Seal | 24,000 sq.m |

SEALED TENDERS, on the forms supplied, will be received at the County Administration Building, Roads Department, 3 St. Germaine Street, Minden, Ontario

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Mittens becomes Jake in the old farmhouse

Patti Fleury

Around the Town

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brucefleury1@hotmail.com

At the old farmhouse the youngest member of the Board of Directors lies stretched out in front of the propane fireplace.

Sleeping on his back with all four paws up in the air makes it difficult to tell which end is which.

As a last resort after several failed placements for circum-

stances beyond his control the young cat arrived here some 18 months ago.

His cute kitten name Mittens seemed hardly still suitable and so he became Jake.

Now we have learned that Jake belongs to a special class of felines known as "tuxedo cats."

A tuxedo cat is not a breed but one with a bicouleur coat of black and white a combination that occurs equally in both long and short hair types. Their coat is mostly solid black with patches of white fur on the jaw, mouth/throat area, chest and paws.

Many experts claim these cats to be very smart, affectionate and vocal.

They appear in literature, cartoons such as Sylvester and Felix the Cat and even at the Clinton White House but my personal favourite other than Jake is Mr. Mistoffelees the magical cat from the book/musical *Cats*. Jake must know he is special.

He shows total disregard for the more senior members of the Board yellow lab Taffy and senior citizen Clarence and with Bruce and me is affectionate but strictly on his terms. We never wanted a second cat but this formally attired feline has now been elevated to permanent occupancy status.

Congratulations to Jessica Crego who has become owner of the beauty salon on Main Street, Kinmount. Formerly known as Christine's Hairstyling the salon is now called J.C.'s Cuts & More and can be reached at the same telephone number 705-488-1148.

Christine will still be involved every Friday and every other Saturday. Growing up in Kinmount Jessica began her career pathway as a student with Christine then following completion of her formal professional training in Barrie

returned as "second chair."

Jessica takes an active interest in her community and is an annual participant in the Relay for Life raising funds for cancer care.

A new bereavement group four week series will begin on Monday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the lower level of Minden United Church at 21 Newcastle Street. Anyone from the local and surrounding communities finding themselves in a grieving situation is welcome to attend.

The small group informal format fosters discussion and sharing with others facing similar challenges.

For more information and/or registration please call Donna at 705-286-1237 or Nancy 705-286-1305. The entrance is at the lower level of the church from the parking lot off Chandos Street and is wheelchair accessible.

The Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19th at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. Doors open at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. the meeting features "Bring An Ancestor" where members and guests can make short five to 10 minute presentations. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge to attend. For more information please contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Sitting here at the computer over my shoulder the pony field is covered in snow and the pond well frozen over.

Kinmount's Winterfest 2014 with its overall Olympic theme should be guaranteed great conditions for the many family activities at the Arena and Fairgrounds on Sunday, Feb. 23.

This year's popular Downhill Hill Dash has added an adult category and many favourite events and exhibits are back including the horse drawn sleigh rides, public skating and chili contest. A new feature the Crazy Canuck Fashion Show will certainly add a flare.

To check on any contest requirements or to volunteer to help please call Julie during business hours at 705-488-2961 and why not plan to start off the morning with a hearty pancake breakfast at the community centre being served from 8 to 11 a.m.

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Or by email to: hchc@on.aibn.com
Deadline for submissions: February 7, 2014.
Our thanks to all applicants. Only those chosen to be interviewed will be contacted.

Jan.20/14

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212

High single. Ernie Winterburn 214

High single hdcp. Ernie Winterburn 268

High triple Ken Thompson 598

High triple hdcp. Ernie Winterburn 689

Ladies;

High avg. Chris Cote 193

High single. Chris Cote 193

High single hdcp. Muriel Winterburn 246

High triple. Chris Cote 545

High triple hdcp. Anna Shuster 654

Jan.24/14

Men;

High avg. Claude Cote 207

High single Tom Marshall 234

High singlge hdcp. Tom Marshall 273

High triple; Tom Marshall 625

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*Loved & Remembered by
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*In loving memory
 of my husband
Robert (Bobby) Swanton
 (May 16, 1953 to
 January 27, 2013)*

*Sadness still
 comes over me,
 Tears in silence often flow,
 Memory keeps you
 forever near me,
 Though you died
 one year ago.
 Love Glenda*

OBITUARIES

Gertrude Mary Ripley

*passed away peacefully on Jan 7, 2014 at
 Fairmount Home near Kingston. Predeceased by
 husband Eugene 'Rip' Ripley. Mother to Jeanne
 Stoness (Rae) Karen Mader (Dennis) Joyce
 Partridge (Glenn) Doug Ripley (Sue) Mary Ellen
 (Al) predeceased by Roberta, Clifford & Brenda.
 Grandmother to Ben & Cheryl Ripley and
 Amy & Chris Petrow.*

*We remember sparkling blue eyes, a passion
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 of quilts that warm the hearts of her family.*

*Cremation has taken place. A memorial
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OBITUARIES



Knight, Douglas Elmer – Passed away peacefully at Bay Ridges LTC Pickering, on Saturday February 1st 2014 in his 83rd year. Dearly loved Dad of Jim of Whitby, Diane and her husband George of Pickering, Cheryl and her husband Justin of Courtice, Debbie and her husband Kevin of Whitby and Bev and her husband Dave of Brooklin. Pre-deceased by his long time companion Muriel Drinkle. Loved Grandfather of Kim, Bryan, Roxanne, Cherie, Kerry, Billy, Lisa, Laura, Sarah and Zach and their families. Loved and remembered by 10 great-grandchildren. Survived by his sister Ruth and her husband Neil of Selby and his brother Doug (late Jean) and predeceased by his brother Burt. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Fondly remembered by his first wife Marilyn Knight and his mother-in-law Helen Withers.

Family and friends will be received at Barnes Memorial Funeral Home 5295 Thickson Rd. N. Whitby 905-655-3662 on Tuesday February 4th from 7-9 p.m.

A service to honour and remember Douglas will be held in Barnes Chapel on Wednesday February 5th at 1:00 p.m.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Messages of condolence may be left for the family by visiting HYPERLINK "http://www.barnesmemorialfuneralhome.com" www.barnesmemorialfuneralhome.com

JOHNSTON, Edward "Ted"

Peacefully at Scarborough General Hospital on Sunday, February 2, 2014 in his 87th, year.

Beloved husband of June (nee Wright) for 59 wonderful years. Loving father of Ray (Liz), Ruth (Julie) and Randy (Emilia). Ted will be fondly remembered by grandchildren Erin and Shane, and sister-in-law Eileen Zanatian and her dear family in Wyoming. Predeceased by his sisters Isabel Bartle and Evelyn Golightly.

Ted will be sadly missed by all family members and friends; Teamsters, truck drivers and doughnut shops everywhere.

Private family service to be held at a later date. If you wish, a donation to the charity of your choice would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.



Charles 'Chuck' Perrott

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



At Extendicare Haliburton on Monday morning, February 3, 2014 in his 98th year. Beloved husband of the late Isobel Perrott. Loving mother of Norman (Karen) of Haliburton, Tom of Alberta. Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Maria, Thomas, Jennifer, Connor, Graydon and his 6 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his brothers Thomas, Arthur and Robert. Also lovingly remembered by his nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Reunited with the love of his life, Isobel, to care for her forever, as promised.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends will be received at HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Wednesday evening, February 5, 2014 from 6 - 8 pm. Funeral Service on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 11 am. Visitation one hour prior. Interment Evergreen Cemetery at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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- Totally private estate on Cul de Sac
- Private docking, boat launch & parkland
- Merged triple lot with amazing character
- Flat rock and a towering pine stand

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Irondale River \$69,000

- Over 7 acres with 588 ft river frontage
- Driveway in place and building site cleared
- 3600 litre septic installed
- Hardwood rolling bush to river

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Direct Waterfront with 16 Acres \$169,900

- 300 feet of level waterfront
- Sloping lot for walk-out basement
- ATV and walking trail on property
- Close to Haliburton for amenities

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



Great Starter Cottage! \$79,900

- Neat and tidy 2-bedroom cottage
- Deeded access to Wenona Lake across road
- 12' x 8' shed, newer metal roof
- Fully furnished, Year round access

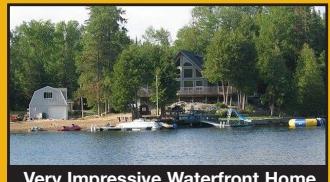
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Home/Cottage, Large 3 lake Chain \$249,900

- 103 Ft Waterfront, 0.7 acre level lot;
- 2000 Sq Ft, 3 + 1 bdrms, 1 x 4 Pcs Bath;
- Impressive Large FP, Garage/workshop;
- Boat Launch, dock & approx 36 miles boating

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Very Impressive Waterfront Home

- 250 feet with sand beach on Shadow Lake
- 4 + 3 bedrooms, rec hall, 3 bay garage
- Less than 3 hours from GTA, great access
- Many other outstanding features

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Beech Lake \$374,000

- 125 ft south facing – SUN, SUN, SUN
- 2 bdrm with full finished basement on large acre lot
- Room to build garage or workshop
- Flat lot with deck and 75 ft cedar topped dock

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Building Lot Close to Town \$29,999

- Great location near Minden
- In an area of nice homes
- 1.18 acres on year round road
- Hydro & phone close by

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



Large Minden Home \$159,000

- 4 Bedroom, 3 bathrooms
- Large basement with own entrance
- Ideal location – walk to everything!
- Great Opportunity! Don't miss out!

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Miskwabi Lake Luxury \$539,900

- Dream cottage/home on 2-lake chain
- 3BR, 2 baths, gourmet kitchen
- 150' deep clean shoreline,
- Awesome view, year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Acreage Close to Town \$35,000

- Over 7 acres; minutes to Haliburton
- Some neighbours in area
- Entrance easily created off Municipal road
- Hardwood bush with meadow at back of property

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Minden Home \$140,000

- Charming 2 Bedroom/1.5 Bath
- Open Concept Living and Kitchen
- New shingles, deck, fixtures, flooring etc
- Full walk-out Basement

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Pride of Ownership! \$335,000

- Immaculate 4 season waterfront home/cottage
- Level lot with child friendly sand beach
- Quiet bay on the Gull River heading to Shadow Lake
- 2 bedrooms and double car garage
- Full walk-out Basement
- David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Recreational Paradise - 37.6 Acres - \$299,900

- 10 mins to Minden, Blairhampton Rd. - prestigious area
- Hard & softwood bush; natural spring; partially landscaped
- High quality 2+1 BR home; 2 baths; Bsmt w/o; Private;
- Level access; trails; 1.5 km from public boat launch - 12 Mile Lake

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Excellent Commercial Opportunity \$70,000

- Existing Fish & Chips restaurant
- Turnkey Condition; Busy Minden location
- Operates year round; liquor license
- Business only, space is leased

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Gull River \$254,900

- Well Maintained 4 Season home/cottage
- Boat to Gull Lake or Downtown Minden
- 3 Bedrooms, Sunroom, Full W/O Basement
- Single Car Garage, FAO & Woodstove

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



County Road 21 \$165,000

- Mins. to Minden conveniences, solid brick
- 2 bdm; walk out bsmt.; family room
- Sep. dining room; fireplace; hardwood floors
- Raised bungalow; dbl drive & lots of parking

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Excellent Opportunity on Halls Lake \$299,900

- 120 feet of fantastic waterfront
- Excellent swimming, fishing & boating
- Original 1940s cabin
- Plus full bunkie with kitchen & bathroom

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$119,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Home Sweet Home! \$179,000

- Fully renovated and updated home
- 2 plus 1 bedrooms, open concept living area
- Great location, just minutes to Haliburton
- Adjacent lot available at \$34,900

Kim Stamp 457-2128 x 24



Highway 35 Lots

- Two prime building lots north of Minden
- Easy access from highway; driveway is in
- \$125,000 – 3.5 acres; \$99,000 – 3.1 acres
- HST in addition. Commercial use possible

Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



Updated Minden Bungalow \$244,900

- 4 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
- Hickory Kitchen, Hardwood Floors, Ceramic Tiles
- Propane Fireplace, Sunroom
- Large 0.58 Acre Ravine Lot with Stream

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Halls Lake Beauty \$649,900

- Classic charm with modern upgrades
- Incredible 249' of sandy beach waterfront
- Boathouse and gazebo at waterfront
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, stone fireplace

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Commercial Opportunity \$49,900 +HST

- Prime 2 acre property
- High traffic area near Haliburton Village
- Commercial Highway zoning
- Private picturesque setting

Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



Highway 35 Residential \$129,900

- 1.8 acres set nicely off the highway
- Garage, basement and loft addition
- 3 bdrms, 4 piece bath mn fl laundry
- Country kitchen, loads of charm

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Kinmount Beauty! \$324,900

- 3 BR, 2 bath spotless bungalow with garage
- Access with dock (not deeded) to Irondale River
- Pretty lot, peaceful setting, great country retreat
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